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Governor Barbour Names Trudy Fisher to Lead MDEQ

JACKSON, Mississippi – Governor Haley Barbour today named Trudy D. Fisher, an experienced attorney in natural resources, energy and environmental law, to lead the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as Executive Director.

Fisher, who previously served as MDEQ's General Counsel, will replace Executive Director Charles Chisolm, who has announced his retirement.

"Trudy did an outstanding job during her previous service with the Department of Environmental Quality and I know she will provide strong leadership going forward," Governor Barbour said.

Fisher, 46, is the daughter of Yolanda and the late Sam S. Fisher of Vaughan, Mississippi.

Fisher is a partner with the Jackson-based Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes firm. She chairs Brunini's Regulatory Department and co-chairs the firm's Environmental Practice Group. Fisher earned a bachelor of science degree from Mississippi University for Women in 1982 and her juris doctor degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1985, where she served as editor-in-chief of the Mississippi Law Journal.

Fisher has been repeatedly recognized by her peers as one of the Best Lawyers in America and the Mississippi Business Journal selected her as one of Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women, in recognition of the environmental legal services she has provided. She is Past President of the Mississippi Bar Section on Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law, and Past President of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi and is active in other civic and charitable endeavors.

"I look forward to embarking upon this exciting new chapter in my career. I will continue my efforts to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of Mississippians and work to insure environmentally sound economic development," Fisher said.

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